

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Anderson et al. Confirmation No.: 7373  
Serial No.: 10/820,177 Group Art Unit: 2113  
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Title: ARBITRATION METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REDUNDANT  
CONTROLLERS, WITH OUTPUT INTERLOCK AND AUTOMATIC  
SWITCHING CAPABILITIES

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**Response to Office Action**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2006, in connection with the above-designated U.S. patent application. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.